HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1249 By Gresham

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Sara Caitlin Tucker, 2006 Valedictorian of Middleton High School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Sara Caitlin "Catie" Tucker is one such exceptional student who was recently named Valedictorian of the 2006 graduating class at Middleton High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Ms. Tucker has achieved outstanding academic success and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in her remarkable high school career, Catie Tucker has earned an exemplary 99.40 grade point average; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her status as a stellar scholar, this exceptional young woman has earned numerous accolades; she was included in *Who's Who Among American High School Students*, was named to the National Honor Roll and the National Society of High School Scholars, and received the Keyboard Applications Award, English I Award, Algebra I Award, Spanish I Award, Algebra II Award, Spanish II Award, Geometry Award, Chemistry Award, United States Achievement Academy National English Merit Award, and the Student-Athlete Award of Merit; and

WHEREAS, a valuable participant in her school's activities and her community's affairs,

Catie is a member of several academic, social, and civic organizations, including the Beta Club,

Prom Committee, and DECA; and

WHEREAS, a gifted athlete, she has been a valuable member of Middleton's varsity cheerleading squad and the MHS Marching Band; and

WHEREAS, Catie has anchored the varsity cheerleading squad as its Captain and has ably served the varsity baseball team as both bat girl and statistician; and

WHEREAS, an esteemed leader among her peers, she has served with distinction as Reporter of the Senior Beta Club, Reporter of DECA, and Secretary of Junior Civitan; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Tucker has evidenced a strong commitment to public service and good citizenship at an early age, and she volunteers her time and considerable talents to worthy causes; and

WHEREAS, Catie's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for her success as a student at The University of Tennessee at Martin, where she plans to pursue a degree in Nursing through the auspices of several scholarships; and

WHEREAS, her noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for her parents, Ron and Jewell Tucker, her school, and her community; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Tucker's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Sara Caitlin "Catie" Tucker, 2006 Middleton High School Valedictorian, on her impressive academic achievement and extend to her our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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